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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 259

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 259 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. This Act may be referred to as the Business
5 Jumpstart Act. The purposes of this Act are:

6 (1) for the Department of Employment Security to design
7 and implement a program to be known as Business Jumpstart
8 to support economic growth and enhance employment
9 opportunities for persons who are unemployed, veterans
10 seeking jobs, unemployed persons whose benefits are
11 expiring, graduates from school, and others who are
12 entering the workforce;

13 (2) for Business Jumpstart to provide, through
14 qualified third-party intermediaries, a public-private
15 support for businesses, especially small businesses,
16 including pre-screened, prepared job candidates, support
17 to gain tax credits, pre-probationary wage support for on

1 the job training, and training;

2 (3) to re-designate the Department of Employment
3 Security as the lead agency administering the 21st Century
4 Workforce Fund, which will be used for Business Jumpstart
5 funds; and

6 (4) to levy a fee upon businesses for dedicated funding
7 to support Business Jumpstart.

8 Section 5. The Department of Employment Security Law of the
9 Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by changing
10 Sections 1005-15 and 1005-75 as follows:

11 (20 ILCS 1005/1005-15) (was 20 ILCS 1005/43a.02)

12 Sec. 1005-15. Employment opportunities.

13 (a) The Department has the power to advance opportunities
14 for profitable employment.

15 (b) The power to advance opportunities for profitable
16 employment includes, but is not limited to, the administration
17 of Business Jumpstart and the 21st Century Workforce Investment
18 Fund to advance opportunities for profitable employment.

19 (c) Business Jumpstart shall provide employers with an
20 opportunity to select from pre-screened candidates for
21 pre-probationary on-the-job training with wage support during
22 the training where a third party intermediary is the
23 time-limited employer of record) prior to employment.
24 Candidate preference shall be given to the veterans, the

1 unemployed who have exhausted benefits, young adults, and those
2 defined in Section 20 of the 21st Century Workforce Development
3 Fund Act. The Department shall select third party
4 not-for-profit or governmental intermediaries with community
5 based sites, job readiness capabilities, skill testing, and
6 other workforce experience to coordinate service delivery in
7 every community and to serve as the employer of record during
8 training.

9 (d) The Department is authorized to collect from all
10 employers with 2 or more employees a fee of not less than \$500
11 nor more than \$1,000 to be placed into the 21st Century
12 Workforce Investment Fund to fund Business Jumpstart and
13 programs authorized in the 21st Century Workforce Development
14 Fund Act.

15 (e) The Department is authorized to adopt all rules
16 necessary to implement and administer Business Jumpstart.

17 (Source: P.A. 91-239, eff. 1-1-00.)

18 (20 ILCS 1005/1005-75) (was 20 ILCS 1005/43a.12)

19 Sec. 1005-75. Jobs for summer employment of youth. The
20 Department has the power to make available through its offices
21 a listing of all jobs available in each area for the summer
22 employment of youth. The Department shall implement Business
23 Jumpstart to advance and identify opportunities for summer
24 youth employment earning wages.

25 (Source: P.A. 91-239, eff. 1-1-00.)

1 Section 10. The 21st Century Workforce Development Fund Act
2 is amended by changing Sections 5, 10, 15, 20, and 25 as
3 follows:

4 (30 ILCS 787/5)

5 Sec. 5. The 21st Century Workforce Development Fund.

6 (a) The 21st Century Workforce Development Fund is created
7 as a special fund in the State Treasury. The Fund shall be
8 administered by the Department of Employment Security ~~Commerce~~
9 ~~and Economic Opportunity~~ ("the Department"), in consultation
10 with other appropriate State agencies, and overseen by the 21st
11 Century Workforce Development Fund Advisory Committee ("the
12 Advisory Committee"). There shall be credited to the Fund any
13 moneys, fees, or surcharges specifically collected for or
14 designated for deposit into the Fund, including State
15 appropriations, set asides from public expenditures on capital
16 projects, federal funds, gifts, grants, and private
17 contributions. Earnings attributable to moneys in the fund
18 shall be deposited into the fund.

19 (b) The Department is authorized to collect from all
20 employers with 2 or more employees a fee of not less than \$500
21 nor more than \$1,000 to be placed in the 21st Century Workforce
22 Investment Fund to fund Business Jumpstart and programs
23 authorized by rule.

24 (Source: P.A. 96-771, eff. 8-28-09.)

1 (30 ILCS 787/10)

2 Sec. 10. Purpose. The purpose of the 21st Century Workforce
3 Development Fund is to promote the State's interest in
4 supporting employers through the creation and maintenance of a
5 diverse and skilled workforce for the economic development of
6 the State. The Fund is intended to support rapid attachment,
7 integrated, innovative, and emergency workforce development
8 strategies that promote local economic development and a
9 continuum of workforce and education strategies, including
10 workforce development activities to prepare individuals for
11 occupations in the energy efficiency and renewable energy
12 industries, as well as other occupations that are created or
13 transformed by the implementation of policy to reduce
14 greenhouse gas emissions, to prevent and remediate pollution,
15 and to promote energy-efficient, healthy, and lead-safe homes
16 in Illinois.

17 (Source: P.A. 96-771, eff. 8-28-09.)

18 (30 ILCS 787/15)

19 Sec. 15. Use of Fund.

20 (a) Role of Fund. Subject to appropriation, resources from
21 the Fund are intended to be used flexibly to support innovative
22 and locally-driven strategies, to leverage other funding
23 sources, to advance opportunities for profitable employment,
24 and to fill gaps in existing workforce development resources in

1 Illinois. They are not intended to supplant existing workforce
2 development resources.

3 (b) Distribution of funds. Funds shall be distributed
4 through competitive grantmaking processes, fee for service
5 contracting, or both, administered by the Department and
6 overseen by the Advisory Committee. No more than 6% of
7 obligated funds used for grants may be retained by the
8 Department for administrative costs or for program evaluation
9 or technical assistance activities. Funds awarded to a
10 third-party not-for-profit intermediary for technical
11 assistance, provision of payroll services, or administrative
12 coordination of multiple subcontractors shall count against
13 the 6%.

14 (c) Grantmaking. The Department must administer funds
15 through competitive grantmaking in accordance with the
16 priorities described in this Act. Grantmaking must be used to
17 support workforce development strategies consistent with the
18 priorities outlined in this Act. Strategies may include, but
19 are not limited to the following:

20 (i) Expanded grantmaking for existing State workforce
21 development strategies, including the Job Training and
22 Economic Development Program and programs designed to
23 increase the number of persons traditionally
24 underrepresented in the building trades, specifically
25 minorities and women.

26 (ii) Workforce development initiatives that help the

1 least skilled adults access employment and education
2 opportunities, including transitional jobs programs and
3 educational bridge programming that integrate basic
4 education and occupational skills training.

5 (iii) Sectoral strategies that develop
6 industry-specific workforce education and training
7 services that lead to existing or expected jobs with
8 identified employers and that include services to ensure
9 that low-income, low-skilled adults can be served.

10 (iv) Support for the development and implementation of
11 workforce education and training programs in the energy
12 efficiency, renewable energy, and pollution control
13 cleanup and prevention industries.

14 (v) Support for planning activities that: ensure that
15 workforce development and education needs of low-skilled
16 adults are integrated into industry-specific career
17 pathways; analyze labor market data to track workforce
18 trends in the State's energy-related initiatives; or
19 increase the capacity of communities to provide workforce
20 services to low-income, low-skilled adults.

21 (d) Allowable expenditures. Grant funds are limited to
22 expenditures for the following:

23 (i) Basic skills training, adult education,
24 occupational training, job readiness training, and
25 soft-skills training for which financial aid is otherwise
26 not available.

1 (ii) Workforce development-related services including
2 mentoring, job development, support services,
3 transportation assistance, and wage subsidies, that are
4 tied to participation in training and employment.

5 (iii) Capacity building, program development, and
6 technical assistance activities necessary for the
7 development and implementation of new workforce education
8 and training strategies.

9 No more than 5% of any grant may be used for administrative
10 costs.

11 (e) Eligible applicants. For grants under this Section,
12 eligible applicants include the following:

13 (i) Any private, public, and non-profit entities that
14 provide education, training, and workforce development
15 services to low-income individuals.

16 (ii) Educational institutions.

17 (iii) Labor and business associations.

18 (Source: P.A. 96-771, eff. 8-28-09; 97-581, eff. 8-26-11.)

19 (30 ILCS 787/20)

20 Sec. 20. Priorities. The Department shall implement
21 grantmaking using the following priorities, and the Advisory
22 Committee shall monitor the application of these priorities to
23 grantmaking:

24 (a) Priority populations. Priority shall be given to
25 workforce education and training strategies that target

1 individuals with barriers to employment including, but not
2 limited to, criminal backgrounds, low incomes, residents of
3 public or subsidized housing, and individuals with limited
4 literacy, math skills, or English proficiency. Priority may
5 also be given to workers with jobs that are affected by the
6 implementation of State energy and environmental policy.

7 (b) Priority industries. Priority shall be given to
8 workforce education and training strategies for the following:

9 (i) Industries that will reduce carbon emissions,
10 promote recycling/reuse, prevent and remediate pollution,
11 and support local food production, including but not
12 limited to the following:

13 (A) Energy efficient building construction,
14 retrofit, and assessment industries.

15 (B) Renewable electric power generation and
16 transmission industries.

17 (C) Deconstruction and materials use industries.

18 (D) Manufacturers that produce sustainable
19 products using environmentally sustainable processes
20 and materials.

21 (E) Local food systems.

22 (ii) Industries identified by the Department to be
23 facing a critical shortage of skilled workers.

24 (iii) Small employers with fewer than 100 employees and
25 no separate human resources department identified by the
26 Department or its agent.

1 (c) Other priority factors. The Department must implement
2 grantmaking by giving priority to grant applications that
3 demonstrate collaboration amongst local workforce, education,
4 and economic development stakeholders in their community;
5 demonstrate collaboration with outreach programs designed to
6 connect community residents with training opportunities;
7 integrate lead-safe work practices into their training; or
8 serve communities with high rates of unemployment,
9 underemployment, and poverty.

10 (Source: P.A. 96-771, eff. 8-28-09.)

11 (30 ILCS 787/25)

12 Sec. 25. 21st Century Workforce Development Fund Advisory
13 Committee. The 21st Century Workforce Development Fund
14 Advisory Committee shall review, advise, and recommend for
15 approval or denial all grant requests from the Fund. The
16 Department is responsible for the administration and staffing
17 of the Advisory Committee.

18 (a) Membership. The Committee shall consist of 21 persons.
19 Co-chairs shall be appointed by the Governor with the
20 requirement that one come from the public and one from the
21 private sector.

22 (b) Eleven members shall be appointed by the Governor, and
23 any of the 11 members appointed by the Governor may fill more
24 than one of the following required categories:

25 (i) Four must be from communities outside of the City

1 of Chicago.

2 (ii) At least one must be a member of a local workforce
3 investment board (LWIB) in his or her community.

4 (iii) At least one must represent organized labor.

5 (iv) At least one must represent business or industry.

6 (v) At least one must represent a non-profit
7 organization that provides workforce development or job
8 training services.

9 (vi) At least one must represent a non-profit
10 organization involved in workforce development policy,
11 analysis, or research.

12 (vii) At least one must represent a non-profit
13 organization involved in environmental policy, advocacy,
14 or research.

15 (viii) At least one must represent a group that
16 advocates for individuals with barriers to employment,
17 including at-risk youth, formerly incarcerated
18 individuals, and individuals living in poverty.

19 (c) The other 10 members shall be the following:

20 (i) The Director of Employment Security ~~Commerce and~~
21 ~~Economic Opportunity~~, or his or her designee who oversees
22 workforce development services.

23 (ii) The Secretary of Human Services, or his or her
24 designee who oversees human capital services.

25 (iii) The Director of Corrections, or his or her
26 designee who oversees prisoner re-entry services.

1 (iv) The Director of the Environmental Protection
2 Agency, or his or her designee who oversees contractor
3 compliance.

4 (v) The Chairman of the Illinois Community College
5 Board, or his or her designee who oversees technical and
6 career education.

7 (vi) A representative of the Illinois Community
8 College Board involved in energy education and sustainable
9 practices, designated by the Board.

10 (vii) Four State legislators, one designated by the
11 President of the Senate, one designated by the Speaker of
12 the House, one designated by the Senate Minority Leader,
13 and one designated by the House Minority Leader.

14 (d) Appointees under subsection (b) shall serve a 2-year
15 term and are eligible to be re-appointed one time. Members
16 under subsection (c) shall serve ex officio or at the pleasure
17 of the designating official, as applicable.

18 (Source: P.A. 96-771, eff. 8-28-09.)

19 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
20 becoming law."